



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Applicant : Shifman et al.  
Serial No. : 10/071,634  
Filed : February 7, 2002  
For : **"BLENDS OF FLUOROELASTOMER INTERPOLYMERS WITH  
FLUOROPLASTIC INTERPOLYMERS AND THE USE OF SUCH  
BLENDS IN HOSES"**  
Docket No. : 94-25b  
Examiner : Jeff H. Aftergut  
Art Unit : 1733

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Commissioner for Patents  
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SECOND SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Second Advisory Action mailed November 26, 2003.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner disregard the previous amendment filed in response to the Second Advisory Action and, in its place, enter this Amendment as the reply to the Final Rejection mailed August 12, 2003. In the present amendment applicant has corrected the incorrect identifiers for the claims. More specifically, claims 1-31 and 36 have now been identified as "canceled"; claims 32, 33, 39, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50 and 51 have now been identified as "previously presented"; and claim 37 has now been amended to depend from claim 35. Also, claim 37 has now been identified as "currently amended" in view of the present amendment to claim 37. The amendments have been made to comply with the Examiner's requirements in the second Advisory Action. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

Accompanying this substitute amendment is a Notice of Appeal and a request for a one month extension of time. Authorization to charge the appropriate fees to a deposit account is attached.